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REPORTS

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OF THE

Richard T. Buck,
MILLBURY, MASS.

TOWN OFFICERS

OF THE TOWN OF

MILLBURY,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

MARCH 8, 1873.

PRINTED BY TYLER & SEAGRAVE, SPY JOB OFFICE,
No. 442 Main Street, opp. City Hall.
1873.

Town Officers for 1872.

SELECTMEN.

EDWARDS E. FORBES, | B. B. HOWARD,
WM. G. DAVIDSON.

TOWN CLERK.

I. N. GODDARD.

ASSESSORS.

DAVID C. AVERY, | JOHN HOPKINS,
HENRY L. BANCROFT.

TREASURER.

NATHAN H. SEARS.

COLLECTOR.

RUFUS CARTER.

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

MAYNARD PUTNAM, | JOHN P. LOVELL,
ROBERT JONES.

ROAD COMMISSIONERS.

JONA. E. WATERS, | NELSON WALLING,
WARREN SWEETSER.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

GEORGE A. FLAGG,		Term expires 1875.
DAVID C. AVERY,	Deceased.	
JOHN HOPKINS,		" " 1874.
DAVID T. MARCH,		" " "
HENRY L. BANCROFT,		" " 1873.
T. R. HARRINGTON,		" " "
HENRY W. DAVIDSON,		" " "

CONSTABLES.

WM. RYAN,

F. K. HODGEMAN,		F. B. WILLIAMS,
SAMUEL SAWYER,		J. B. STEWART,
N. H. WHITE,		O. Z. BARTLETT.

TRUSTEES OF TOWN LIBRARY.

JOHN HOPKINS,	Term expires 1875.
AMOS ARMSBY,	" " 1874.
OSGOOD H. WATERS,	" " 1873.

TRUSTEES OF CEMETERY.

BENJ. FLAGG,	Term expires 1875.
B. B. HOWARD,	" " 1874.
WM. RYAN,	" " 1873.

Report of Selectmen.

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Millbury:

Your Selectmen respectfully present the following Report of the financial matters of the town for the year ending March 8, 1873.

THE SELECTMEN CHARGE THEMSELVES AS FOLLOWS.

March 14,	To balance in Treasurer's hands,	\$1699 74
	To cash received for two cemetery lots,	28 00
	To cash rec'd of P. Simpson, jr., for gravel lot,	160 00
May 1,	" borrowed of Millbury Nat. Bank,	2000 00
June 5,	" received for rent of Town Hall,	37 50
7,	" borrowed of Millbury Nat. Bank,	2000 00
July 1,	" rec'd of I. N. Goddard, for license,	4 00
3,	" borrowed of Millbury Nat. Bank,	3000 00
6,	" rec'd of I. N. Goddard, for license,	2 00
11,	" borrowed of Millbury Nat. Bank,	1000 00
22,	" " " "	2000 00
Aug. 3,	" received for rent of Town Hall,	18 75
Sept. 1,	" for tax bill of 1872,	32,080 56
Nov. 13,	" for rent of Town Hall,	18 75
1872,		
Jan. 27,	" from State School Fund,	243 90
30,	" for rent of Town Hall,	18 75
Feb. 4,	" for interest on taxes,	103 36
8,	" for dog tax reimbursed,	312 54
March 6,	" rec'd of A. B. Lovell for school books,	155 74
	" " E. Dudley " "	141 68
	" " I. N. Goddard " "	337 79
8,	" rec'd of W. Ryan for cemetery lots,	141 00
	" for State Aid reimbursed,	1305 00
	" for Corporation tax reimbursed,	294 50
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		\$47,103 56

THE SELECTMEN CREDIT THEMSELVES AS FOLLOWS.

OLD BILLS.

Paid H. L. Bancroft, services on School Committee to	
March 1st, 1872,	\$25 00

Paid Geo. A. Flagg, services on School Committee to March 1st, 1872,	40 00
D. T. March, services on School Committee to March 1st, 1872,	20 00
Pierce & Hale for chairs, settees and supplies for schools,	30 52
D. Atwood, money paid A. B. Johnson, teaching to March 1, 1872,	75 00
Jas. Emerson, bill for care Prov. St. school house to March 1, 1872,	36 00
W. Ryan, labor on school houses to Mar. 1, '72,	10 50
Est. of Jonas Ward, labor on " " "	6 50
Pierce & Hale, chairs, rug and table for library,	29 00
H. A. Aiken, care of library Jan. and Feb. 1872,	12 00
W. R. Cunningham, stove and fixtures for library,	31 45
H. W. Aiken, for covering books for library,	20 00
Clark, Sawyer & Co., gas fixtures " "	13 00
J. Eddy, coal for library,	1 60
D. Atwood, services as town treas. to Mar. 1, '72,	100 00
" " for paid State Aid,	4 00
C. A. Stockwell, for labor on highways Dist. 3, for 1871,	11 90
S. A. Small, for breaking roads Feb. 1872,	5 20
Stephen Stockwell, for gravel in 1870 and 1871,	10 00
M. P. Union, for nails for bridges in Jan'y delivered H. K. Greenwood,	5 20
E. B. Dana, brick for lock-up,	226 80
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	\$713 67

POOR.

Orders to Overseers of the Poor,	\$2125 07
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ROAD COMMISSIONERS.

Orders to Commissioners,	\$4808 98
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TOWN LIBRARY.

Orders to Trustees,	\$733 08
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SCHOOL BOOKS.

Paid S. R. Leland for Singing Books,	-	-	\$10 00
W. A. Wilde & Co. for School Books,	-	-	362 14
Sanford & Co.	do	do	- 123 05
Knight & Adams,	do	do	- 210 67
I. N. Goddard, expr. on	do	do	- 9 60
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			\$715 46

STATE AID.

Orders to N. H. Sears, for State Aid paid to disabled soldiers, and families of the slain,	\$1474 00
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CEMETARIES.

Orders to Trustees for Central Cemetery,	-	255 00
do W. M. do	-	18 42
do Dwinell do	-	29 33
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		\$302 75

HEARSE HOUSE.

Paid L. Willard for work above underpinning,	385 00
L. S. Waters for hauling gravel,	29 20
B. B. Howard for labor paid for foundation,	19 50
P. Simpson, jr., for hauling stone,	6 00
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	\$439 70

MEMORIAL DAY.

Order to P. Simpson, jr., for expenses of observance of the same,	\$130 95
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ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

Order to Rufus Carter for abatements,	\$301 50
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NOTES.

Paid Millbury National Bank notes dated	
April 30, 1872,	2000 00
June 6, "	2000 00
July 2, "	3000 00
July 8, "	1000 00
July 23, "	2000 00
Paid Millbury Savings Bank, on note dated	
Oct. 20, 1869,	4000 00
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	\$14,000 00

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Order to W. A. Lovell, for pay of Engineers, and Firemen for year ending May 1, 1872,	820 00
Order to Peter Simpson, jr. to pay for hose,	250 00
Order to Engineers,	10 86
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	\$1080 86

TESTIMONIAL TO S. E. HULL.

Order to N. H. Sears in payment for testimonial to S. E. Hull,	\$100 00
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INTEREST.

Paid Millbury National Bank,	-	-	-	172 19
Millbury Savings Bank to Oct. 1, 1872,	-	-	-	1925 00
Simon Dudley, to Oct. 1, 1872,	-	-	-	105 00

\$2202 19

SCHOOLS.

Orders to School Committee for support of Schools,	7,730 54
do do for rep. of School Houses,	315 65
do do for balance due on Piano,	244 45
do do for salaries of Committee,	248 00

\$8,538 64

TAXES PAID.

State Tax,	-	-	-	-	-	3120 00
County Tax,	-	-	-	-	-	2050 83
National Bank Tax, 1871,	-	-	-	-	-	9 85

\$5,180 68

INSURANCE.

Paid Ira N. Goddard, for paid for insurance on School buildings,	\$422 91
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MISCELLANEOUS.

Paid Tyler & Seagrave for printing town report, and warrants for year ending Mar. 1872,	142 55
Rufus Carter, for collection of taxes for 1872,	250 00
P. Powers, for slating high school building,	326 60
John Hopkins, for services as Assessor, 1872,	175 00
H. L. Bancroft, " " " "	145 00
Est. of D. C. Avery, for his services as Assessor, 1872,	88 50
John Hopkins, for paid for assessors' books, post- age and stationary for Assessors,	5 60
H. A. Aiken & Co, for printing envelopes for Assessors,	19 20
B. B. Howard for paid for desk and table for town officers' room,	68 50
L. G. Peirce & Co., for furniture for town officers' room,	39 30
B. B. Howard for paid for stationery, keys and sign for town officers' room,	13 45

Paid W. R. Cunningham, stove and funnel for town officers' room,	21 23
Rhodes & Simpson, rent of town officers' room to Jan. 1, 1873,	75 00
D. B. Harrington, labor and materials for lock-up,	122 61
P. Simpson, for teaming " "	13 00
Briggs & Co., " " "	6 00
W. R. Cunningham, for work on " "	87
L. Willard, labor and materials for " "	288 56
William Ryan, furniture and bedding for " "	17 45
" " stove and funnel for " "	20 90
J. Eddy, coal for lock-up,	4 80
W. Ryan posting warrants,	22 00
" killing dogs, burying child found in canal at Burling mill, work on tomb and hearse,	10 00
B. T. Rice, agent, for use of horse car to hearing before County Commissioners on petition of Ezra K. Pratt and others,	5 00
John Hopkins, for services before County Commissioners as above,	10 00
John Hopkins, services as counsel for Selectmen,	5 00
" " for paid for printing resolution of School Committee on the death of D. C. Avery,	4 10
Ira N. Goddard, writing for Selectmen,	8 00
" " recording births, &c., and paid D. Mulhane for returning deaths for record,	84 30
L. Willard, shingling and painting tomb,	53 55
" fencing at cemetery,	23 86
" " near high school building and lock-up,	92 88
N. H. Sears, salary as Treasurer,	125 00
E. E. Forbes, services as Selectman, 1872,	75 00
B. B. Howard, " " "	75 00
W. G. Davidson, " " "	35 00
Geo. F. Verry, execution of case Marble vs inhabitants of town of Millbury,	72 13
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	\$2544 94

RECAPITULATION.

Old bills,	713 67
Poor,	2125 07
Road Commissioners,	4808 98
Town Library,	733 08

School Books,	-	-	-	-	715	46
State Aid,	-	-	-	-	1474	00
Cemeteries,	-	-	-	-	302	75
Hearse House,	-	-	-	-	439	70
Memorial Day,	-	-	-	-	130	95
Abatement of Taxes,	-	-	-	-	301	50
Notes,	-	-	-	-	14000	00
Fire Department,	-	-	-	-	1080	86
Testimonial to S. E. Hull,	-	-	-	-	100	00
Interest,	-	-	-	-	2202	19
Schools,	-	-	-	-	8538	64
Taxes Paid,	-	-	-	-	5180	68
Insurance,	-	-	-	-	422	91
Miscellaneous,	-	-	-	-	2544	94
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						45,815 38
Orders outstanding March 12, 1872,						432 15
Cash in Treasury,						1121 47
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						\$47,369 00
Less orders outstanding March 8, 1873;						
A. G. Livermore,					-	1 25
Dunton & Winter,					-	14 19
Rufus Carter,					-	250 00
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						265 44
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						\$47,103 56

LIABILITIES OF THE TOWN.

Notes to Millbury Savings Bank,	-	-	-	23500	00
Note to Simon Dudley,	-	-	-	1500	00
Unpaid orders,	-	-	-	265	44
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					\$25,265 44

AVAILABLE RESOURCES.

Due from State for payment of State Aid to	
March 1, 1873,	1769 00
School Books in the hands of agents,	575 00
Cash in Treasury,	1121 47
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	\$3,465 47

UNAVAILABLE PROPERTY OF TOWN.

Seven School Houses,	-	-	-	35000	00
High School Building and Furniture,	-	-	-	6000	00
Cemetery Lots unsold,	-	-	-	809	00
Land adjoining Cemetery,	-	-	-	500	00
Town Farm,	-	-	-	5000	00

Personal property on farm,	- - - - -	3182 75
Note of John Hall,	- - - - -	800 00
Gravel Lots,	- - - - -	600 00
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		\$51,391 75

FINANCIAL CONDITION OF TOWN.

Liabilities,	- - - - -	25,265 44
Available resources deducted,	- - - - -	3,465 47
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		\$21,799 97

Town debts, March 12, 1872,	25,692 41
“ “ March 8, 1873,	21,799 97
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Decrease of town debt,	\$3,892 44

All of which is respectfully submitted,

E. E. FORBES,	} Selectmen
B. B. HOWARD,	
WM. G. DAVIDSON,	
	of
	Millbury.

Millbury, March 8, 1873.

LIST OF JURORS

Selected by the Selectmen for the acceptance of the town,
March 17th, 1873.

Armsby, Horace,	Hayward, John C.	Redding, S. H.
Aiken, Henry A.	Holman, Elijah M.	Rhodes, John,
Bancroft, Henry L.	Howard, B. B.	Rogers, Samuel N.
Barker, Calvin W.	Hewett, A. F.	Sayles, Irving B.
Brierly, Benj.	Holman, Rodney N.	Smith, Geo. N.
Brierly, James,	Hall, Geo. H.	Simpson, Peter, jr.
Baker, Wm. E.	Lincoln, Sanford W.	Sears, Nathan H.
Carter, Rufus,	Livermore, A. G.	Waters, Jona. E.
Cunningham, W. R.	Mallalieu, Geo. W.	Wood, John G.
Davidson, Wm. G.	Morse, Chas. D.	Waters, Osgood H.
Dinsmore, John,	Marble, Henry,	Winter, A. S.
Dunton, Silas,	Merriam, Rufus K.	Waterman, D. M. P.
Eddy, Justus,	McIntire, Benj. F.	Waters, Samuel W.
Flagg, Benj.	Martin, John,	Waters, Lyman S.
Garfield, Andrew P.	Marble, Samuel W.	Waters, Edward A.
Gates George,	Pope, John W.	Wood, Dexter.
Howe, Wm.	Parker, Sumner R.	

INSURANCE ON SCHOOL PROPERTY.

The following is the amount of insurance on the school
houses and the furniture therein, to wit:

School house at West Millbury,	\$3200 00
“ Old Common,	700 00
“ Bramanville,	5000 00
“ Burling Village,	1250 00
“ in Heyward District,	900 00
High School House and Town Hall,	4600 00
New brick school house,	8500 00
Union school house,	4500 00
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	\$28,650 00

Report of the Overseers of the Poor.

Report of the Overseers of the Poor of the Town of Millbury, for the year ending March 1st, 1873.

EXPENSES AT THE ALMSHOUSE ESTABLISHMENT.

Paid for groceries,	\$166 83
“ flour,	104 50
“ clothing,	87 85
“ grain,	229 14
“ blacksmithing,	20 50
“ hay and grass seed,	71 73
“ farming tools,	34 56
“ meat and fish,	19 55
“ medicine,	28 44
“ household articles,	68 67
“ repairs,	132 93
“ Agent's salary,	500 00
“ labor on farm,	217 41
“ nursing and doctoring for John Jacobs,	17 00
“ Dr. Lincoln,	3 50
“ Wm. Ryan, burial of Mrs. Bonzey,	17 00
“ butchering,	4 00
“ three pigs,	9 00
“ cutting lumber,	19 17
“ making 312 gallons cider,	6 24
“ phosphate of lime and plaster,	37 64
“ building wall,	44 30
“ sawing lumber,	128 87
“ horse sled and drag,	16 20
“ lumber wagon,	75 00
“ repairs on horse wagon,	2 25—\$2062 28

SUPPORT OF POOR AWAY FROM FARM.

Paid for Anthony B. Sweetland's family,	\$167 82
“ John Crossman,	69 00
“ A. J. Morse, for two Sawyer children,	40 00
“ Francis Geeting,	60 00
“ John Hopkins, for writing bond for Sawyer children,	1 00

Paid for John Hall and wife,	10 00
“ Mrs. J. N. Wheeler, for nursing John Hall and wife,	40 25
“ Thos. Tift and wife,	28 33
“ widow John Hall,	62 00
“ W. A. Goodell, Lunatic Asylum,	15 50
“ Geo. F. Marcy,	67 50
“ widow Charles Smith,	27 00
“ Mrs. Michael Keefe,	21 55
“ nursing and burial of Sarah G. Bates in 1871,	45 00
“ Erastus Jourdan,	2 94
“ Mrs. Francher,	5 00
“ Wm. Ryan, bill,	26 00

\$688 89

Loaned to John Hall, on mortgage, 300 00— \$988 89

STATE PAUPERS.

Paid for burial of Samuel Gravlin,	\$19 00
“ “ Mary Mann,	15 00
“ “ Mr. Duggan's child,	15 00
“ coffin for Elvira Lasso,	6 50
“ “ Abelena Hart,	4 75
“ funeral expenses for John Mar- low's child,	8 25
“ aid to Peter McCune,	17 87
“ “ Mary Radigan,	35 88
“ “ Joseph Noe,	10 00
“ funeral expenses of Moses Young's child,	7 75

Paid to Maynard Putnam, for entertaining
93 travelers, 70 00— \$210 00

SERVICES AND EXPENSES OF OVERSEERS.

Paid Robert Jones, services,	\$55 00
Journey to Blackstone,	2 00
John Lovell, services,	55 00
Maynard Putnam,	80 00
Journey to Fitchburg,	5 80
Postage and Stationery,	50— \$198 20

INCOME FROM FARM.

Received for improvement of stock,	\$2 00
“ lard and pork,	11 10
“ cider and apples,	15 81
“ vegetables,	3 83

Received for veal and calves,	44 88
“ potatoes,	171 30
“ labor away from farm,	54 75
“ butter,	141 10
“ wood and lumber,	763 68
“ eggs and poultry,	24 10
“ cowhide,	8 50
“ one cow sold,	40 00
“ horse rake,	2 00
“ 222 lbs. old lead pipe,	12 21
“ damage, breaking into pest house,	20 00
“ rye straw,	8 00—\$1323 25

INVENTORY OF PERSONAL PROPERTY.

Two yoke of oxen,	\$400 00
Six cows,	265 00
Two 2-years-old heifers,	40 00
Three shoats,	25 00
Twenty-eight fowls,	21 00
One hundred and fifty bushels of corn,	150 00
Seventeen bushels of rye,	17 00
Six bags of meal,	9 00
Three and one half bushels of beans,	10 50
Nine tons of good hay,	252 00
Four and one half tons swale hay,	67 50
Three bushels Hungarian seed,	6 00
Twenty lbs. clover seed,	2 80—\$1265 80

PROVISIONS.

600 lbs. pork,	75 00
260 lbs. hams and shoulders,	32 50
2 bbls. pickles in salt,	10 00
5 gallons of pickles,	1 25
Lot of soap grease,	3 00
25 gallons of soap,	3 75
4 gallons of boiled cider,	5 00
5 cider barrels,	5 00
300 lbs. beef,	24 00
226 bushels of potatoes,	226 00
4 barrels of apples,	8 00
40 lbs. of butter,	16 00
3 bushels of beets,	3 00
84 gallons of cider,	16 80
84 gallons of vinegar,	25 20
2 dozen of eggs,	80
10 lbs. of tea and coffee,	6 25
1-3 barrel of flour,	4 00

100 lbs. of lard,	12 00	
125 lbs. of dried apples,	12 50	
39 lbs. of dried beef,	7 80	
14 lbs. of candles,	2 24	
8 lbs. of tallow,	56	
1 gallon of oil,	30	
1 gallon of molasses,	70	
3 bars of hard soap,	69—	\$502 34

LUMBER.

2500 ft. at farm at \$20 per thousand ft.,	\$50 00	
821 ft. at M. Putnam's, at \$20 per M ft.,	16 42	
100 ft. at S. A. Severy's, " "	20 00	
2000 ft. at S. A. Small's, " "	40 00	
1200 ft. at mill in log, at \$16 per M ft.	192 00	
7000 ft. delivered, at \$18 per M ft.	130 28	
3566 ft. at farm, " "	64 18—	\$512 88
Farming tools,		562 80
Household furniture,		338 93

Total amount of personal property,	\$3182 75
Value of real estate,	5000 00

Total amount of town farm property,	\$8182 75
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RECAPITULATION.

Income from farm,	\$1323 25	
Cash from Agent on farm,	11 15	
Amount drawn from Treasury,	2125 07—	\$3459 47
Expenditures of Almshouse,	2062 28	
Support of poor away from farm,	688 89	
State paupers,	210 00	
Services and expenses of Overseers,	198 30	
Money loaned to J. Hall, secured by mortgage,	300 00—	\$3459 47

FINANCIAL CONDITION.

Dr.

To amount of Inventory of March 1, '72,	\$2979 86	
Expenses for year ending March 1, '73,		
at Almshouse,	2062 28	
Interest on farm and stock,	300 00—	\$5342 14

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By amount of Inventory March 1, '73,	\$3182 75	
Produce sold from farm and labor of		
Agent,	1323 25	
598 weeks' board of paupers, it being		
a fraction less than \$1.40 per week,	836 14—	\$5342 14

The following persons have been supported at the Almshouse during the past year, viz :

Hudson Barton,
L. E. Livermore,
Nancy Eager,
Roxa Bonzey,
Sarah Livermore,
Joanna Gleason,
John Jacob,

Thomas Tift,
Anna Tift,
F. W. Sawyer,
Amy Ann Gould,
Harriet Hosmer,
H. H. Sawyer,
Isabel Sawyer.

Respectfully submitted,

MAYNARD PUTNAM,	} <i>Overseers of the Poor</i>
ROBERT JONES,	
JOHN P. LOVELL,	

*of the town of
Millbury.*

Engineer's Report.

During the past year the three Fire Engines belonging to the town have been maintained in good working order.

By vote of the town, Engine Co. No. 3, is entitled to a force of 35 men ; No. 4, to 40 men ; and No. 5, to 30 men—but owing to representations made by Companies No. 3 and 5, that the number of men allowed was insufficient to properly work the engines, 5 men were added to each of those Companies by the Board of Engineers,—making in Company No. 3, 40 men; in Company No. 4, 45 men ; and in No. 5, 30 men ; a total of 115 men, which force it is recommended be maintained as necessary for efficient service.

The Fire Department has been called to attend three fires during the past year.

At the partial burning of the mill of Nelson Walling, in July, the three Companies with their engines were present and rendered efficient service. A small fire in a tenement house at Cordis Mills ; and another in the drying-room attached to the dye house of the Cordis Mills, during the winter, called out Engine Co. No. 4, but the fire in each case was extinguished before the alarm became general.

The members of the different Engine Companies have, almost unanimously, united in signing a petition asking for an increase of pay, from five dollars and poll tax to ten dollars and poll tax per annum, for each fireman ; which petition is respectfully submitted for the action of the town.

In view of the alarming conflagrations which have recently occurred in other places, and to which, although thus far happily exempt, this town is at any time liable, we would call attention to the totally inadequate supply of water in case of a fire of any extent, especially if occurring away from the line of the streams, or out of reach of the force pumps of the different mills.

It is plain that some measures should be at once taken to furnish the villages of the town with a supply of water for extinguishing fires ; and we would respectfully recommend that a committee be appointed to consider the best means of furnishing an adequate supply of water for fire purposes, and to report at a future meeting.

The expenses of the Fire Department thus far, the past year, will appear from the following account.

Dr. Jan. 4, 1873, to bill of Eddy & Studley for Jack-	
ets and Overalls,	14 90
“ to bill of Allen Fire Department Supply Co. for	
reducing couplings,	9 40
“ Feb. 1, 1873, to bill of John Clark for 200 feet	
linen hose with couplings and straps,	186 20
Paid firemen for year ending May 1, 1872,	820 00
for two lanterns for Engine No. 3,	2 70
W. R. Cunningham's bill for Engines, &c.	7 57
M. P. Union Store, supplies for do	59
To balance,	49 95
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	\$1091 31
Cr. By balance from W. A. Lovell,	10 45
Jan. 10, Order on Town Treasurer,	250 00
“ “ “	820 00
“ “ “	10 86
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	\$1091 31

Respectfully submitted,

PETER SIMPSON, Jr.	} Engineers of Millbury.
GEO. N. SMITH,	
JAS. BRIERLY,	
WM. WHITWORTH,	

Millbury, March 10, 1873.

Report of Road Commissioners.

MARCH, 1873.

EXPENDED FOR HIGHWAYS.

By bills paid by Warren Sweetser,	-	1071	10
do Nelson Walling,	- -	752	56
do J. E. Waters,	- -	700	60
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EXPENDED FOR BRIDGES AND RAILING.

By bills paid by Warren Sweetser, viz.:			
Stone work and railing near Wheeler Cotton Mills,		66	92
do fencing near Wallings,		147	74
do by D. T. March, culverts, &c.		33	29
Stone work, spikes and nails,		14	35
Stringers by Rice,		48	00
Work on bridge by Rice,		15	00
do do Willard & Pender,		8	12
Stringers and plank, &c., by Cordis Co.		93	25
Plank of H. & J. Stockwell,		130	30
Paid by N. Walling, railing on Worcester road,		148	45
new bridge near Greenwood's,		333	95
Total,			<hr/>
			\$1039 37

BREAKING SNOW PATHS.

Paid J. E. Waters,	29	50
R. Carter,	53	35
C. A. Stockwell,	46	60
R. Jones,	71	00
Town farm and others,	25	80
D. T. March,	3	40
by W. Sweetser to sundry persons,	85	10
by N. Walling to sundry persons,	112	00
W. Harris,	5	00
Total,		<hr/>
		431 75

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Paid Buttrick & Wheeler, for surveying new roads, &c.	132	85
M. D. Garfield, for do	22	75
Wm. Waters for 34 stone monuments,	10	20
Spy for publishing notice to roadbuilders,	5	00
J. E. Waters for setting monuments,	3	00
Wm. Ryan for serving notice,	3	00
H. L. Woodward for Guide Board,	1	25
John Hopkins, Esq.,	6	55—
		184 60

Paid C. D. Morse for land for new road,	300 00	
Wm. Frazier, do do	200 00—	500 00
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		\$684 60

RECAPITULATION.

Total amount expended on Highways,	2523 26	
do do do Bridges,	1039 37	
do do do Snow paths,	431 75	
do do do miscellaneous expenses,	184 60	
do do do land for new road,	500 00	
Total,	<hr/>	4678 98
Services of Commissioners,		
J. E. Waters,	50 00	
N. Walling,	40 00	
W. Sweetser,	40 00	
	<hr/>	130 00
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		\$4808 98

J. E. WATERS, } Road
 N. WALLING, } Commissioners
 W. SWEETSER, } of Millbury.

Millbury, March 7, 1873.

Report of Public Library.

The Trustees of the Town Library herewith submit their annual Report.

During the past year there have been added to the Library, forty seven volumes, making the total number seventeen hundred and ninety-five. This addition is made up of thirty-two volumes purchased during the year ; thirteen volumes received from Hon. Geo. F. Hoar ; one volume presented by the Cobden Club ; one volume presented by the Seventh Day Adventist Tract Society. The small number of volumes purchased during the year is explained by the fact that our last annual purchase was made just prior to the last report, and was paid for out of the appropriation of the current year. The volumes above indicated as purchased, were added by the Trustees, from time to time as they had opportunity ; the books presented by Mr. Hoar were government publications ; those from other sources are in defence or explanation of the views held by the donors. In addition to the foregoing, we have received from Mrs. Lucy B. Barker, several unbound volumes of the Herald of Health of the date of 1840, which will be bound and put in circulation the coming year. We shall be glad to receive from any of our citizens contributions of books or pamphlets.

We have so far as now appears, lost but four books during the year : of one of these we have no trace ; the others are to be paid for by the parties to whom they are charged on our books.

Many of the books are showing signs of wear, a fact significant of the value of the Library, and the expense of restoring or replacing them will annually increase.

The value of the Library is further shown by the large number of persons availing themselves of its advantages.

The number of persons taking books from the Library, as appears by the Librarian's record, has been 625. This does not however represent the actual number of takers, as in many instances the father is chargeable with books taken by the children and becomes directly responsible ; so, too, the husband is chargeable with books taken by himself and wife.

The whole number of books taken from the Library during the year has been seven thousand two hundred and ninety-nine.

These have in many instances been read by parties other than the takers, and it is safe to add ten per cent. to this number to find the whole number of volumes read from the public library. The larger part of these were works of fiction, biography and travel ; and of these three classes, probably works of fiction formed the larger part.

From the foregoing exhibit, the value of the Library to our community appears, as it is highly probable that in no other way would there be an opportunity for us to gratify our taste for reading to such an extent.

We have received from the selectmen during the year the sum of \$733 88

which has been expended as follows :

For books purchased prior to last report,	440 99	
For books purchased during the year,	48 57	
For Catalogues,	78 52	
For rent,	75 00	
For salary of Librarian,	75 00	
For fuel,	10 00	
For table,	3 00	
For printing,	2 00	
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		\$733 08

We have received for fines and catalogues, 55 74

Which deducted from the foregoing, leaves \$677 34
as the actual cost to the town for the care and maintenance of the Library during the year.

The Librarian has asked for an increase of salary ; considering that the Library is open 104 half-days in the year, we do not regard the request as unreasonable, and ask an appropriation of \$100 to meet this expense.

Our estimate for the next year is as follows :

For rent,	\$100 00
For salary of Librarian,	100 00
For fuel,	12 00
For lights,	10 00
For rebinding of old books,	50 00
For new books,	500 00
Making a total of	<hr/>
	\$772 00

To meet this expense, we ask for an appropriation of \$600, and the dog fund refunded to the town by the County Commissioners.

During the year a large number of fines have been levied for the detention of books beyond the time permitted by our regulations. We have regretted that the occasion existed for this, as they are not imposed for revenue purposes, and hope that

hereafter the necessity for it may cease, as it is almost an injustice for parties to detain a book beyond the two weeks allowed, as others are thereby debarred from the privilege of its perusal.

The following By-Laws have been adopted by the Trustees for the management of the Library :

I. The Library is free to all the citizens of the town, and to all pupils attending the public schools therein, of the age of fourteen years and upwards.

II. Parties not known to the Librarian, as of either of the two classes above named, will be required to furnish a certificate in writing to that effect signed by some known citizen.

III. Persons between the ages of seven and fourteen may take books, provided their parents or guardians in writing request the delivery of books to them, and agree to become responsible for all fines that may be imposed, and for all damages that may be assessed, on account of injury to books thus delivered.

IV. Books may be kept out two weeks, and for every day's detention beyond that time, a fine of two cents a day shall be imposed. For all damage to books, other than the ordinary wear and tear, the person charged with the book shall be held responsible for such sum as may be assessed by the Trustees, and they only shall have power to modify or abate the assessment.

VI. No person against whom damages have been assessed or upon whom fines have been imposed under the preceding By-Laws shall be permitted to take books from the Library until the full amount of such assessment or fines shall have been paid.

VII. One work only shall be taken from the Library at a time.

VIII. All books shall be taken direct from the Librarian, and returned to her, and no person shall remove a book from the shelves without her consent.

IX. Loud talking and rude behavior in the Library room is forbidden.

X. Any violation of either of the two preceding By-Laws will be punished by exclusion of the offender from the Library room during the pleasure of the Trustees.

XI. Persons sending to the Library for books, must send a written request for the delivery of books to the bearer, to be charged to the sender, together with a list of numbers of books to be thus sent, and the Librarian will deliver to the bearer the first of such numbers that may be in the Library.

XII. Persons desiring books purchased for the Library will give to the Librarian a list embracing the names of the books, names of the authors, and also of the publishers, when convenient, and if found suitable, they will be procured by the Trustees as soon as possible.

XIII. The Library shall be open for the delivery of books upon Tuesday and Saturday of each week, from 3 to 5 and 6.30 to 8 P. M., but books will not be delivered to pupils of the public schools on Saturday evening, and they will not then be permitted in the Library Room.

OSGOOD H. WATERS,	}	<i>Trustees.</i>
AMOS ARMSBY,		
JOHN HOPKINS,		

Report of School Committee.

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Millbury :

Your Committee respectfully presents the following general and detailed reports upon the schools.

Following the plan adopted by the School Committee in former years, the different members have been assigned as sub-committees to the particular charge of certain schools, and the reports of these several sub-committees made to the chairman are hereunto appended.

Mr. D. C. Avery was appointed sub-committee for the West Millbury School.

Messrs. Bancroft and March for the Bramanville schools.

Messrs. Bancroft and Avery for the Old Common School.

Mr. Harrington for the Union Primary, Greenwood and Providence Street Intermediate Schools.

Mr. Flagg for the Hayward, Union Sub-Primary and Union Intermediate Schools.

Mr. Hopkins for the Union Grammar, and Providence Street Primary and Sub-Primary Schools.

DEATH OF MR. AVERY. It is with pain that we mention the death which occurred during the summer, of one of our associates, Mr. D. C. Avery. Mr. Avery had for many years been a member of the School Board, and on account of his familiarity with the schools gained by his long service upon the Committee, and his earnestness in attention to duty, we felt that we had been deprived of the counsels and co-operation of one whose loss could not easily be replaced, and that the town had lost the services of a competent, energetic and trustworthy officer.

In all his relations with his associates upon the Committee, with the teachers, and with the scholars, he had endeared himself to them, and had gained the respect of all by his unselfish labors for the good of the schools.

ELECTION OF MR. DAVIDSON. In accordance with the law, the School Committee, after the proper notice had been given, met the Board of Selectmen on the 28th of August, and upon joint ballot, elected Mr. Henry W. Davidson of West Millbury to fill the vacancy then existing in our Board. Mr. Davidson was assigned as sub-committee to the same schools over which Mr.

Avery had had charge, viz. the two schools in West Millbury and that upon the Old Common.

NUMBER OF SCHOOLS MAINTAINED.

In addition to the High School we have maintained during the past year 15 Common Schools, viz.:

WEST MILLBURY. 1 Grammar School, 1 Primary, 1 Ungraded.

OLD COMMON. 1 Ungraded.

BRAMANVILLE. 1 Grammer, 1 Intermediate, 1 Primary, 1 Sub Primary.

MILLBURY CENTRE. 1 Grammer, 1 Intermediate, 1 Primary, 1 Sub Primary.

PROVIDENCE STREET. 1 Intermediate, 1 Primary, 1 Sub Primary.

BURLING MILLS. 1 Ungraded.

These schools have been in session three terms, two terms having been of eleven weeks each in length, and one of twelve weeks, making an aggregate of 34 weeks. There having been no call for evening schools, none have been maintained.

SCHOOL HOUSES.

Our school houses, eight in number, counting the building in which the High School is kept, are generally in good condition, and no expensive repairs will be needed during the coming year.

A specific appropriation of five hundred (500) dollars for the repair of school buildings was made by the town at the last March meeting. Of this amount there have been expended three hundred and fifteen dollars and sixty-five cents (\$315.65) leaving an unexpended balance of \$184.35.

With the exception of lack of proper means of ventilation, our school houses are well adapted to their purpose.

This question of ventilation has forced itself upon the attention of the Committee, more especially in connection with the Union school house and the school house in Bramanville. The school rooms in these buildings are generally full. Indeed, on account of the number of scholars attending the Bramanville Sub Primary during the fall and winter terms, a part have necessarily been placed in another room, and under the charge of an additional teacher. In rooms thus crowded and with no means of ventilation, the air quickly becomes vitiated, and to remain in it long in that condition has a depressing effect upon the scholars, rendering them listless and dispirited, and exerts an injurious influence upon their health.

No plan for remedying the defects in these buildings has been decided upon by the Committee, and not being able to lay any estimate before the citizens, we do not feel like asking for a specific appropriation for this purpose. Should, however, during the coming year, a plan be hit upon which will accomplish the purpose and not involve too considerable an outlay, the Committee, feeling that the citizens agree with them as to the importance of the matter, would feel at liberty to ask the Selectmen to meet the expense out of the appropriation for miscellaneous expenses.

MUSIC.

The result of the experiment, tried the previous year, of introducing the study of Singing in our schools was so favorable that during this year we have extended the instruction to the other schools.

Mr. T. H. Lyndon, a teacher of much ability, has been employed by the Committee at a salary of nine (\$9,) dollars per week. Mr. Lyndon has visited the High School, the Old Common, West Millbury Grammar, Greenwood, Bramanville Grammar and Intermediate, the Union Grammar and Intermediate, and the Providence St. Intermediate Schools, on two days in each week. Under his instruction considerable progress has been made, and at the close of the school year, an examination of all the Common Schools, in which instruction in music had been given, was held in the Town Hall.

The experiment having now been tried for two years, we feel assured in saying that the introduction of music as one of the branches taught in our schools has been a success, and we are disposed to continue the plan.

Now that the winter singing school has with us become a thing of the past, and very few scholars will enjoy the advantage of any instruction out of the schools, we think that it is well that our youth should be able to obtain in our public schools instruction in an art which it is well to keep alive among us. In addition to the immediate good of teaching the scholars to sing, the effect of the instruction upon the schools is favorable, having a refining influence and offering an agreeable change from the monotony of the school-room often felt by the scholars.

The expense of this branch during the last year has been \$319.44.

WRITING.

The teaching of writing as at present conducted in our schools is not a success. This fact results from several causes, the chief among which is that the teachers employed in the

schools are not able to give competent instruction in that art. Not that the majority of our teachers are not good writers, but to know how to write and how to teach others to write, are entirely different accomplishments.

In every other branch of education taught in the schools, the scholars are divided into classes, have regular lessons assigned from day to day, and by means of oral recitations, their progress is watched, and the scholars give mutual aid one to another. But in writing, the scholars are as a rule left to themselves. True they devote a certain time to their writing books. Those who have an aptitude for the art quickly fill their books but many of them as quickly fall into such bad habits in writing as serve to offset whatever talent they may possess.

Those to whom the acquirement of the art is difficult, or who are lazy, make little progress. In order to teach writing with success, something more is necessary than to tell the scholars at stated times to take their books and write for half an hour.

That writing should be considered equal in importance to the other branches taught in our schools seems to need no argument.

The effective mode of bringing this branch to a par with the others, would seem to be, to hire a competent professional teacher of writing to visit our schools on certain days in the week. This we can do at an expense of about \$250.

At a meeting of the Committee held Feb. 25th, when the subject was discussed, it was voted that the chairman be instructed to ask the town to appropriate a specific sum to establish a department of instruction in Penmanship in the public schools the coming year.

HIGH SCHOOL.

Principal, 1st Term, Mr. E. S. HUME. Salary \$1200.

Principal, 2d and 3d Terms, Mr. LEONARD MORSE. Salary \$1100. Assistant, Miss ABBIE JOHNSON. Salary \$600.

The High School has been in session forty weeks during the the past year. At the end of the first term we were obliged to part with the then principal, Mr. Hume. Under Mr. Hume the school had attained a high excellence in scholarship and deportment. He was a careful, thorough, and conscientious teacher.

For the Fall and Winter terms, Mr. Leonard Morse has been employed as teacher, at a salary of eleven hundred dollars per year. With Mr. Morse we have been well pleased. So long as our High School remains in the charge of such teachers as Mr. Hume and Mr. Morse, we feel assured that it will be a successful one. Its present popularity is attested by the fact that dur-

ing the year, thirteen scholars from Sutton have attended the school.

Scholars from out of town pay a fee of six dollars per term.

The Committee has looked with favor upon the attendance of out of town scholars at this school, because those willing to come such a distance to attend school generally prove to be good scholars, and being able to join the upper classes which are smaller than the others, add but little to the labors of the teachers.

Miss Johnson, the able assistant, has remained with us another year. In recognition of the value of her services, her salary was made at the beginning of the school year six hundred dollars.

The Philosophical apparatus purchased for the school some years since, is in good condition, and its use is of much assistance to the teacher and benefit to the scholars.

The Piano which had been hired for the use of the High School was purchased at the beginning of the school year. The price asked for the instrument and stool was \$305. It had been hired on condition that should the town see fit to buy it the amount paid for rent should be deducted from the price.

There had been paid as rent \$75. Adding to the price \$14.45 for interest, and deducting \$75, left a balance of \$244.45 for which the Selectmen gave an order.

During the summer vacation the rooms occupied by the High School were papered and the ceiling repaired and whitened, thus making the rooms which for a long time had been in need of repair, more suitable for our most important school. The expense of these repairs was \$90.43.

The following statistics have been prepared by Mr. Morse:

Whole number of different scholars last two terms, 59.

Boys 32, girls 27.

Average attendance, Fall Term, 45.

Average attendance, Winter Term, 46.

The absence marks have been incurred for the most part by five or six scholars.

The class graduating at the close of the school year numbered 9, viz:

Misses Anna A. Stratton, Fanny Freeland, Ellen E. Young, Ella F. Stockwell, Jennie M. Harrington, Melissa F. French, Minnie A. Marble, Mr. Perry C. Sanderson, Mr. Pliny W. Emerson.

The first in rank was Miss Stratton. The second in rank was Miss Freeland.

For general improvement, honorable mention is made of

Pliny W. Emerson; for excellence in deportment, Misses Freeland and Young.

In the second class, Miss Mary Connor deserves mention for excellence in deportment and scholarship.

In the third class, for industry and meritorious scholarship, mention is made of Mary Freeland, Ella Crossley, Wilbur Aiken, Charles Hale, Henry Paine, Alphonso Sawyer, and Judson Wood.

For merit in deportment, the following members of the fourth class are commended: Helen Eddy, Louis Chase, Frederic Tainter, Frederic Dunnelly, George A. Slocomb, Frank Hale, and George Eddy.

FINANCIAL EXHIBIT.

COMMON SCHOOLS.

NAME OF SCHOOL.	TERM.	TEACHER.	LGTH.	SALARY.	AMT.	TOTAL.
West Millbury Grammar,	1st Term.	Miss A. M. Greely,	11 wks	at \$10.00	\$110.00	
"	2d "	"	11 "	10.00	110.00	
"	3d "	"	12 "	10.00	120.00	\$340.00
"	Primary, 1st	Miss L. H. Hayward,	11 "	7.50	82.50	
"	2d "	"	11 "	7.50	82.50	
"	3d "	"	12 "	8.00	96.00	—261.00
Old Common,	1st "	Miss C. E. Lombard,	11 "	8.00	88.00	
"	2d "	"	11 "	8.00	88.00	
"	3d "	"	12 "	8.00	96.00	—272.00
Bramanville Grammar,	1st "	Miss Martha P. Sibley,	11 "		106.00	
"	2d "	"	11 "	10.00	110.00	
"	3d "	"	12 "	12.00	120.00	—336.00
Bramanville Intermediate,	1st "	Miss Mary Anderson,	11 "	9.50	104.50	
"	2d "	"	11 "	9.50	104.50	
"	3d "	Miss Little,	12 "	8.00	102.00	—311.00
"	Primary, 1st	Mrs. M. F. Bancroft,	11 "	9.00	99.00	
"	2d "	"	11 "	9.00	99.00	
"	3d "	"	12 "	9.00	108.00	—306.00
"	Sub-Primary, 1st	Miss Frances Brown,	11 "	9.00	99.00	
"	2d "	"	11 "	9.00	99.00	
"	3d "	"	12 "	9.00	108.00	—306.00
"	Sub-Prim. (2)	Miss M. A. Hutchinson,	9 "	5.00	45.00	
"	3d "	Miss Nellie M. Nye,	11 "	5.00	55.00	—100.00
Union Grammar,	1st "	Miss N. M. Andrews,	11 "	10.00	110.00	
"	2d "	"	11 "	11.00	121.00	
"	3d "	"	12 "	11.00	132.00	—363.00
Union Intermediate,	1st "	Miss Julia A. Bunker,	11 "	9.00	99.00	
"	2d "	"	11 "	9.00	99.00	
"	3d "	"	12 "	9.00	108.00	—306.00
Union Primary,	1st "	Miss L. A. Harding,	11 "	8.50	93.50	
"	2d "	"	11 "	8.50	93.50	
"	3d "	"	12 "	9.00	108.00	—295.00
Union Sub-Primary,	1st "	Mrs. Eliza A. Webber,	11 "	10.00	110.00	
"	2d "	Miss N. M. Sawyer,	11 "	10.00	110.00	
"	3d "	Miss Fanny Lovell,	12 "	8.50	102.00	—322.00
Prov. St. Sub Primary,	1st "	"	11 "	8.00	88.00	
"	2d "	"	11 "	8.00	88.00	
"	3d "	Miss May Ball,	12 "	9.00	108.00	—284.00
Burling Mills,	1st "	"	11 "	10.00	110.00	
"	2d "	"	11 "	10.00	110.00	
"	3d "	Mr. T. K. Harrington,	12 "	10.00	120.00	—340.00
Prov. St Intermediate,	1st "	Miss Jennie Kneeland,	11 "	8.50	93.50	
"	2d "	"	11 "	8.50	93.50	
"	3d "	"	12 "	8.50	102.00	—289.00
Prov. St. Primary,	1st "	Miss H. E. Forbes,	11 "	8.00	88.00	
"	2d "	"	11 "	8.00	88.00	
"	3d "	"	12 "	8.00	96.00	—272.00

Total Teachers Salaries in Common Schools,.....\$4703.00

HIGH SCHOOL.

HIGH SCHOOL	TERM.	TEACHER.	LGTH.	SALARY.	AMT.	TOTAL.
	1st Term.	E. P. Hume, 13 wks at	\$1200	per yr.	\$390.00	
	2d "	Leonard Morse 13 "	1100	"	357.00	
	2d "	" " 14 "	1100	"	885.00	\$1132.50
	1st "	Miss A. Johnson 13 "	600	"	195.00	
	2d "	" " 13 "	600	"	195.00	
	3d "	" " 14 "	600	"	210.00	600.00
Total Teachers' Salaries in High School,						\$1732.50

Care of Rooms and Supplies, - - - - \$632.16

MUSIC.

Salary of Mr. T. Lyndon, Music Teacher, 3 terms, \$306.00
 Music Books furnished, - - - - 13.44—\$319.44

FUEL FOR SCHOOLS.

Wood for West Millbury Schools, - - - - \$38.25
 Stephen Alger for sawing the same, - - - - 10.50
 D. T. March, wood for Bramanville Schools, - - - - 57.75
 J. Eddy, for coal, - - - - 144.56
 S. P. Hall, for wood, - - - - 10.00
 Sawing and splitting the same, - - - - 6.00
 A. W. Perin for wood, - - - - 5.25
 G. A. Flagg, wood for Providence St. Schools, - - - - 2.50
 W. A. Harris, for wood, - - - - 6.75
 J. Eddy, for coal, - - - - 39.38
 H. K. Greenwood, wood for Greenwood School, - - - - 23.00—\$343.44

RECAPITULATION.

Teachers' Salaries in the Common Schools, - - \$4703.00
 Teachers' Salaries in the High School, - - 1732.50
 Music—Teacher's Salary and Books furnished, - - 319.44
 Fuel for the Schools, - - - - 343.44

Total for Support of Schools, - - \$7730.54
 Amount of Appropriation, - - - - \$7500.00
 Received from State School Fund, - - - - 243.96—7743.96

Balance unexpended, - - - - \$13.42

REPAIRS OF SCHOOL HOUSE.

Willard & Pender, carpenter work at Union Sch. House, \$175.65
 Clark, Sawyer & Co., papering High Sch. Room & labor, 90.43
 Sherman, labor on School House, - - - - 18.50
 Waterman Ryan, - - - - 10.50
 Various Small Bills, - - - - 20.57—\$315.65
 Amount of Appropriation, - - - - \$500.00
 Leaving unexpended, - - - - 184.35
 PIANO—Balance due, - - - - \$244.45

SALARIES OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

George A. Flagg, *Chairman*, - - - - \$75.00
 H. L. Bancroft, - - - - 30.00
 D. C. Avery, - - - - 13.00
 H. W. Davidson, - - - - 20.00
 T. R. Harrington, - - - - 40.00
 John Hopkins, - - - - 50.00
 D. T. March, - - - - 20.00—\$248.00

Amount in Recapitulation brought forward, - - \$807.60
 7730.54

Total Cost of Schools, - - - - \$8538.64

By an inspection of the foregoing financial exhibit it will be seen that the committee has had at its disposal the appropriation for the support of schools, viz :

	\$7500 00
Amount received from State,	243 96

\$7743 96

We have expended

For salaries of teacher of High School,	\$1732 50
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“ “ Common Schools,	4703 00
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For expense of singing,	319 44
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care of rooms and supplies,	632 16
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Fuel,	343 44
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Total,	7730 54
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Leaving a balance unexpended of	\$13 42
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In order to show the citizens the total expense of the schools to the town, items have been included in the exhibit paid for out of appropriations other than that for the support of schools, viz: For repair of school house,

Piano,	\$315 65
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Salaries of Committee,	244 45
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Adding these items to the figures above, make as total costs of schools for the year 1872-3,	248 00
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Basing our estimates for the coming year upon the foregoing figures, we shall need appropriations to cover the following items:

For salaries of teachers,	\$6450
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Care of schools and supplies,	600
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Music,	310
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Fuel,	340— \$7700
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We shall receive from the State, say	240
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Leaving amount of appropriation needed,	\$7460
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Should the town see fit to make an appropriation for teaching writing, there must be added the sum of	250
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Making a total of	\$7710
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For repair of school houses, we recommend an appropriation of	\$300
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Respectfully submitted,

For the Committee,

GEORGE A. FLAGG, *Chairman.*

REPORTS OF SUB-COMMITTEES.

I.

BRAMANVILLE SCHOOLS.

Sub Committee.—H. L. Bancroft and D. T. March.

To the Chairman of the School Committee :

The Sub Committee for schools in Bramanville, submit the following statement of the condition of the schools under our charge.

Grammar School.—Teacher Miss Martha F. Sibley. Salary, \$10.

Whole number 1st term,	33	Average, 33
“ 2d term,	26	“ 23
“ 3d term,	24	“ 21

The grammar school has been taught through the year by Miss Martha F. Sibley, an old and tried teacher, who has fully sustained her reputation as a teacher. The school has not been large but constant in its attendance and has made good progress in the studies prescribed.

Intermediate School.—Teacher for spring and fall terms, Miss Mary P. Anderson. Salary, \$9.50. Teacher for winter term, Miss Hattie Little. Salary, \$9.50.

Whole number scholars, 1st term,	47	Average, 40
“ 2d term,	38	“ 35
“ 3d term,	40	“ 33

The intermediate school for the spring and fall terms was taught by Miss Mary Anderson, who has fully sustained her well earned reputation as a teacher and disciplinarian. The winter term was taught by Miss Hattie Little, who maintained the good order and discipline of the school. The school has made good progress during the year.

Primary.—Teacher, Miss Mary F. Bancroft. Salary, \$9.00.

Whole number 1st term,	49	Average, 41
“ 2d term,	45	“ 39
“ 3d term,	45	“ 37

The primary school has been taught by Miss Mary F. Bancroft during the past year and for the past four years, to the entire satisfaction of parents, scholars and committee, and we are sorry to lose her valuable services.

Sub Primary.—Teacher, Miss Fannie A. Browning. Salary, \$9.00. Assistant, fall term, Miss Annie M. Hutchinson. Salary, \$5.00. Assistant, winter term, Miss Nellie Nye. Salary, \$5.00.

Whole number 1st term,	79	Average, 65
“ 2d term,	95	“ 76
“ 3d term,	81	“ 59

The sub-primary has been taught by Miss Fannie A. Browning, who has had charge of the school for several years and with the uniform success that has attended her labors in this first school for the children.

So large has this school become that the committee have been obliged to employ an assistant for the fall and winter terms. In the fall Miss Annie M. Hutchinson, and in the winter term Miss Nellie Nye were employed. Both have shown good tact in teaching and interesting the little children. The sub committee for these schools have been able to carry out the policy of the committee in retaining old teachers, there having been but one change during this year, and to this fact, we think, is due in a great measure the success of the schools.

New furniture is much needed in some of the rooms and we hope an appropriation will be made for that purpose by the town.

Respectfully submitted,

H. L. BANCROFT,	} Sub Committee.
D. T. MARCH,	

March 6th, 1873.

II.

UNION PRIMARY SCHOOL—GREENWOOD SCHOOL—PROVIDENCE ST.
INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL.

Sub Committee.—T. R. Harrington.

Union Primary School.—Teacher for the year, Miss L. A. Harding. Wages per week, \$8.50, \$8.50, \$9.00.

Whole No. of attendance,	Summer term, 48	Average, 40
“ “	Fall term, 41	“ 37
“ “	Winter term, 41	“ 33

This school has been fortunate in having the same skillful teacher these last three years. The same quiet stillness prevails, and the progress we look for, from term to term, is always found. On the walls of the school room are exhibited very beautiful drawings by the children, showing conclusively that this delightful art may be cultivated in our schools without retarding the common branches of education taught in them.

Providence St. Intermediate School.—Teacher, Miss Jennie Kneeland. Teacher's wages per week, \$8.50.

Whole No. in attendance,	Summer term,	30	Average,	21
"	"	Fall term,	27	" 20
"	"	Winter term,	32	" 25

The teacher by her good management of the school, and the scholars by sustaining their accustomed good deportment, and commendable progress in their studies, have merited and received the approbation of the committee.

Greenwood School.—Teacher, Miss M. E. Ball. Wages per week, \$10.

Whole No. in attendance,	Summer term,	30	Average,	21
"	"	Fall term,	27	" 20
"	"	Winter term,	32	" 25

Miss Ball has taught this school four terms with approved success. At the close of the fall term she found the labor disagreeable and requested that she might have a school more easily managed, which request was granted. Under these circumstances the winter term was taught by one of the committee.

Respectfully submitted,

T. R. HARRINGTON, *Sub Committee.*

March 10, 1873.

III.

OLD COMMON—WEST MILLBURY GRAMMAR AND PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

Sub Committee.—H. W. Davidson.

Old Common School.—Teacher, Carrie E. Lombard. Wages of the teacher per week, \$8.00.

Whole No. in attendance,	Spring term,	23	Average,	21
"	"	Summer term,	26	" 20
"	"	Fall term,	22	" 20

The Old Common School has been taught the past year by Miss Carrie E. Lombard, who graduated at the High School, taking the lead of her class. Miss Lombard has fully sustained herself as a teacher. The school has been characterized by good order, and unusual distinctness and promptness in recitation. The advancement for the last term especially was very good. There has seemed to be a mutual good feeling between teacher, scholars and parents, rendering Miss Lombard's first year of teaching a happy success.

West Millbury Grammar School.—Teacher for the year, Miss Addie M. Greeley. Wages of teacher per week, \$10.

Whole No. in attendance, Spring term,	23	Average, 18 1-2
“ “ Summer term,	29	“ 23 1-2
“ “ Fall term,	29	“ 24

This school has had the benefit of a thorough instructress. The advance made by the scholars in their various branches has been commendable. At the close of the last term quite a number of scholars absented themselves from the school and annual examination. We are glad that no such movement was countenanced by the District in general. Those who were present bore a good examination, and did themselves much credit.

West Millbury Primary School.—Teacher for the year, Miss Lucy A. Hayward. Wages of teacher per week, first two terms, \$7.50, last term, \$8.00.

Whole No. in attendance, Spring term,	33	Average, 28
“ “ Summer term,	30	“ 27
“ “ Fall term,	27	“ 23

This school was fortunate in having the services of the same teacher a second year. Miss Hayward has labored faithfully and patiently, we think, for the best good of her scholars. The school has been very satisfactory to the committee; the teacher being well adapted to her scholars, thereby gaining their love and attention, by which rapid advancement was made in their studies.

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. DAVIDSON, *Sub Committee.*

IV.

UNION GRAMMAR SCHOOL—PROVIDENCE STREET SUB-PRIMARY
SCHOOL—PROVIDENCE STREET PRIMARY SCHOOL.

Sub Committee,—John Hopkins.

Union Grammar School.—Teacher for the year, Nellie M. Andrus. Length of school in weeks, 34. Wages of teacher, 1st term, \$10: 2d and 3d terms, \$11 per week.

Whole number in attendance 1st term	33	Average, 30
“ “ “ 2d “	34	“ 30
“ “ “ 3d “	38	“ 32
Average attendance for the year,		31
Whole number of tardy marks, 1st term,		138
“ “ “ 2d “		136
“ “ “ 3d “		393

ROLL OF HONOUR. Not absent during 1st term—Belle Wood, Emily Matthews, Minnie McIntire, Emma Rearden, Henry York. Not absent during 2d term—Lottie Stratton, Belle Wood, Jennie Waters, Minnie McIntire, Jacob Lincoln. Not absent during 3d term—none.

Not tardy during 1st term—Belle Matthewson, Lottie Stratton, Lillian Revere, Nellie Lovell, Flora Matthewson, Nellie Ward, Julia Daggan, Emma Reardon, Jennie Waters, Laura Lincoln, Frank Pettibone, Walter Cargill, Frank Colwell, Fred-eric Holman, Walter Wheeler, Jacob Lincoln. Not tardy during the 2d term—Belle Matthewson, Lottie Stratton, Laura Lincoln, Fred. Bennett, Walter Wheeler, John Conner, Jacob Lincoln, Frederic Holman. Not tardy during 3d term—Lottie Stratton, Walter Wheeler, Charles Eddy. Not tardy during the year—Lottie Stratton, Walter Wheeler.

Miss Nellie M. Andrus, who had rendered good service in the Providence Street Schools, was placed in charge of this school at the beginning of the year, and under her instruction and management, it has steadily advanced in all the essentials of a good school, and has taken the position which its grade and its material entitle it to hold among the schools of the town.

The improvement in order and scholarship which the Committee have from time to time observed, has been very gratifying, and the more so, from the fact that we have been called upon to criticise the school in these respects somewhat severely in former reports.

At the beginning of the year, eight scholars were transferred from the Providence Street Intermediate School to the first class in this school, and have become, with those formerly belonging to that class, candidates for admission to the High School.

The foregoing statistics from the school Register, exhibit important facts for the consideration of the community. The average attendance is far above that formerly attained in this school, and we trust is an earnest only of what may be hereafter accomplished.

The decrease in the number of tardy marks is very noticeable, and yet the aggregate is altogether too large, and we hope for a still further reduction during the year to come.

The Roll of Honour is so designated, that the scholars therein mentioned may understand that the community appreciates punctuality in the performance of the duties that fall to them, and in the hope that it may yearly increase in numbers.

Providence Street Sub Primary School.—Teacher for the 1st and 2d terms, Fannie S. Lovell; for the 3d term, M. E. Ball. Length of school in weeks, 34. Wages of teacher 1st and 2d terms, \$8 per week; 3d term, \$9 per week.

Whole number in attendance, 1st term	62	Average	45
“ “ “ 2d “	68	“	57
“ “ “ 3d “	61	“	42
Average attendance for the year,			48

At the end of the second term, Miss Lovell was transferred to the Union Sub Primary School, and was succeeded by Miss Ball, who was transferred from the Greenwood school.

The average attendance of this school has been low, low even when the age of the scholars is taken into consideration, and we would suggest to parents in the district accommodated by this school, that the evil is of magnitude and is within their power to correct.

The school throughout the year, except in this respect, has been satisfactory to the Committee. The school room is a pleasant and cheerful one, and has been made attractive by the painstaking and patient teachers who have had it in charge during the year.

Providence Street Primary School.—Teacher for the year, Hattie E. Forbes. Length of school in weeks, 34. Wages of teacher, \$8 per week.

Whole number in attendance, 1st term	38	Average	28
“ “ “ 2d “	32	“	26
“ “ “ 3d “	25	“	20
Average for the year,			25

This school has been orderly and in a measure successful during the year. Its noticeable failure has been a lack of earnestness and vivacity in the school exercises—a failure, which we hope the teacher will be able to correct the coming year, as its tendency is to disorder. The character of the recitations has been highly creditable to teacher and pupils and with the foregoing exception, the Committee have been satisfied.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN HOPKINS, *Sub Committee.*

V.

UNION SUB PRIMARY—INTERMEDIATE AND HAYWARD SCHOOLS.

Sub Committee.—George A. Flagg.

Union Intermediate.—Teacher for the year, Miss Julia A. Bunker. Salary, \$9.00 per week.

Whole number, 1st term, 32	Average attendance, 24
“ 2d term, 34	“ 26
“ 3d term, 31	“ 25

When Miss Bunker took charge of this school at the beginning of the year, it was in an unsatisfactory condition, but under her management it has become a good school. Miss Bunker is not obliged to confine herself to the text book but keeps her scholars interested and their minds active by asking questions and giving illustrations outside of their books. It is true that the class of scholars in this school has changed somewhat for the better within the last year, but we feel confident that the change in the school for the better is due in a great degree to the teacher.

Union Sub Primary.—Teacher for Spring term, Mrs. Webber. Salary, \$10.00. Teacher for Fall term, Miss Nellie Sawyer. Salary, \$10. Teacher for Winter term, Miss Fanny Lovell. Salary, \$8.50.

Whole number, 1st term, 55	Average attendance, 45
“ 2d term, 57	“ 42
“ 3d term, 51	“ 35

This school has suffered by its frequent change of teachers. Mrs. Webber, its old and competent teacher, was unable to take it during the fall and winter terms, and for the fall term Miss Sawyer took her place. For a time Miss Sawyer was obliged to give up the school on account of sickness. For the winter term, Miss Lovell, who had taught a school of this grade at Providence Street School, was transferred to this school. Her success has been very satisfactory.

In the Hayward district, no school has been kept during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE A. FLAGG, *Sub Committee.*

